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SUBJECT: SONNY LEON ASKS SECRETARY TO MEET BLACK LEADERS

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1. CONTINUING ITS INTEREST IN A MEETING BETWEEN THE SECRETARY AND SOUTH AFRICAN BLACK LEADERS, DURBAN-BASED POST RAN ARTICLE TITLED "BLACKS SEEK KISSINGER SUMMIT" IN JULY 7 EDITION. POST REPORTER FAROOK KHAN CLAIMS (COLOYD) LABOR PARTY LEADER SONNY LEON HAS CABLED AMBASSADOR IN PRETORIA WITH AN "URGENT REQUEST" FOR A MEETING ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD, FOR BLACK LEADERS WITH SECRETARY. LEON REPORTEDLY TOLD KHAN "IT IS HIGH TIME TO GET OUR POINT ACROSS. DR. KISSINGER HAS MET OTHER AFRICAN LEADERS, SOUTH WEST AFRICAN LEADERS, AND RHODESIAN LEADERS. WHILE BEING LEFT OUT DR. KISSINGER HAS ONLY ONE SIDE OF THE STORY."

2. ASKED WHO HE WOULD SUGGEST MEET SECRETARY, LEON SUGGESTED KWAZULU CHIEF GATSHA BUTHELEZI AND UNNAMED OTHERS. HE REJECTED IDEA OF INCLUDING TRANSKEI CHIEF MINISTER KAISER MATANZIMA AND CHIEF LUCAS MANGOPE OF BOPHUTHATSWANA BECAUSE THEY HAD ACCEPTED THE IDEA OF HOMELAND INDEPENDENCE.

3. LEON CLAIMED THAT DESPITE AMERICAN ABHORRENCE OF RACIAL

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DISCRIMINATION U.S. WAS SOFTENING ITS ATTITUDE TOWARD SOUTH
AFRICA. HE ALSO REPEATED RECENT RUMORS OF MEETING BETWEEN
VORSTER AND SECRETARY IN IRAN WITHIN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.
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